

War Does Not Affect All Canadian Growth

THAT war has had no effect upon the development of the country newly opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in British Columbia is best evidenced by the progress being made in a number of towns along the new transcontinental. The latest comes from Vanderhoof, in the Nechaco Valley, where some of the local men formed a syndicate to erect a modern, electric light and power plant and install a water system in the town. The new company, a \$50,000 corporation, is planning to build a power house in the town immediately and start on setting up poles and stringing wires, as well as lay pipes for the town's water system with the first dawn of Spring.

Eventually this company expects to utilize the 5000 horse power easily provided by the Stony Creek Falls, in the immediate vicinity of the town. The growth of this particular town has been remarkable. Inside of three months from its inception, Vanderhoof had some 50 substantial buildings, a bank, a newspaper, lumber and planing mills, hotel and many business houses and stores.

The opening of the new transcontinental, which has thrown open one of the richest parts of Western Canada is playing an important part in filling Central British Columbia with settlers. The trains from the East are steadily bringing in new families to the rich valleys along the Grand Trunk Pacific in British Columbia, and, although it is not generally known, there are millions of acres of good land available for pre-emption in Central British Columbia, near the new railway, according to figures announced by the Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General of British Columbia, a short time ago.

PREPARING SEED BEDS.

The value of a thorough preparation of the seed bed is becoming generally recognized. Statistics prove that 50 per cent of poor stands are due to insufficient preparation of the soil, also that poor seeds will yield fair crops if sown in a good seed bed, whereas the best of seeds will be half a failure if sown on indifferently prepared land.

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Real and Ideal.

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As we who are living it know,
For some of us chuckle and sing
While others are weighted with woe.
There's nothing as bright as it seems
And little as dark as it looks,
Yet it isn't so vexing
And strange and perplexing
And queer as they make it in books.

The world is a wonderful place
Whose marvels will never be known,
To some full of beauty and grace,
To others a horror in stone.
There's magic in sunshine and cloud
And music in breezes and brooks,
But perhaps it's as well, on
The whole, we don't dwell on
The world as it's painted in books.

And love's a mysterious force,
With springs in abysses profound,
That guides every star in its course
And lightens the earth's weary round.
It batters all barriers down
That separate nobles and cooks,
Yet in life Master Cupid
Is feeble and stupid
Compared with his portrait in books.

The girl is a treasure whose worth
'Twere vain to attempt to declare,
There's nothing that's precious on earth
That can with her value compare.
She charms by her science and art
And lures by the dainties she cooks,
But goodby to her lover
If she should discover
The goddess depicted in books.
—London Chronicle.

The "telescribe" is an instrument recently perfected, capable of reproducing on the wax cylinder of the ordinary dictating machine both sides of an ordinary telephone conversation.

Grange Favoring New Rural Credit System

MULTNOMAH County Pomona Grange at Gresham, Or., has passed resolutions favoring a rural credit system for farmers that will provide long-time loans at a low rate of interest. The grange inaugurated what it is hoped will be a state-wide National campaign for this system.

The first set of resolutions, introduced by W. H. H. Dufur, provides that the state shall issue non-interest bearing bonds to the general Government, which shall loan to the farmers the cash represented by these bonds at not more than 3 per cent interest to run 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 50 years. The money would be loaned on the 50 per cent valuation of farm property, and the state would handle the money through a land office.

The second plan, indorsed by the Masters' and Lecturers' Association, makes the postal saving fund the source of supplying farmers with long-time loans at 4 per cent. According to this plan, the postal saving fund shall be loaned to the farmers of the country. To accumulate a sufficient sum, the deposit, now limited to \$100, shall be increased to \$1000. This plan proposes that the money shall be loaned through the land office.

Since both plans will require Congressional action the Grange declared

it would not support candidates for Congress unless they pledge themselves to support some rural credit system. Representatives to the State Grange from Multnomah County will bring before that body both resolutions.

The measures were discussed by W. H. H. Dufur, Roy Gill, H. E. Davis, T. J. Kreuder, C. H. Welch, H. A. Darnall, Theodore Brugger, H. W.

Snashall, Eugene Palmer and Mrs. Eugene Palmer.

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